

REMARKS

Claims 1-150 are pending in the above-identified patent application.

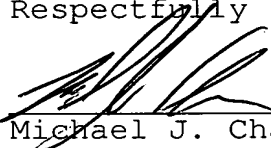
The Examiner has found that there are allegedly three distinct inventions in the above-identified patent application and has required restriction to one of those inventions, as follows:

Group I:            Claims 1-6, 51-56, and 101-106;  
Group II:           Claims 7-38, 57-88, and 107-138\*; and  
Group III:          Claims 39-50, 89-100, and 139-150.

Applicants elect without traverse, for examination in this application, the invention of Group I (claims 1-6, 51-56, and 101-106).

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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\* In the Office Action, Group II is listed as including claims 7-38, 57-88, and 107-122. Applicants assume that this was the result of a typographical error and that Group II should also include 123-138 as listed above.